GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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BAN ON MANUFACTURING AND USE OF POLYTHENE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any requests from some State Governments for imposing complete ban on the use and manufacturing of polythene;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Government are likely to take a final decision in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) Requests from individuals and organizations have been received for, inter-alia, making it mandatory for manufacturers to collect and recycle plastic containers and imposing a complete ban on the use and manufacturing of polythene bags.

In order to examine various environmental issues related to indiscriminate littering of plastic wastes with particular reference to disposal, and to examine various regulations on plastic wastes disposal brought out by Central and State Governments and suggest appropriate measures for collection, segregation, treatment and disposal of plastic wastes, a Committee on Plastic Wastes Disposal has been constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests under the chairmanship of Shri Ranganath Misra former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and, presently Member of Parliament.